

**TABLE 3-22. RECORDATION OF MINING CLAIMS, PUBLIC LAW 94-579  
FROM OCTOBER 21, 1976, THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1998**

Administrative State	Total Claims @ Beginning	Claims Received during Year	Total at Year End	Active Claims @ Beginning /a/	Claims Closed /b/	Claims Held under FHFC /c/	Active Claims @ Year End
Alaska	113,439	415	113,854	12,215	756	118	10,291
Arizona	347,704	7,888	355,592	33,328	211	430	26,745
California	271,812	2,345	274,157	29,789	1,031	760	26,709
Colorado	249,073	961	250,034	8,514	86	80	8,673
Eastern States /d/	10,987	2	10,989	31	0	0	55
Idaho	176,265	2,401	178,666	20,184	2,235	971	17,273
Montana /e/	201,982	2,957	204,939	23,910	3,726	143	22,314
Nevada	755,515	13,639	769,154	148,390	2,558	1,810	126,232
New Mexico /f/	166,118	621	166,739	5,919	1,487	63	12,774
Oregon /g/	144,167	912	145,079	11,545	270	54	8,849
Utah	351,630	1,362	352,992	16,237	393	356	12,026
Wyoming /h/	253,305	1,253	253,534	15,390	129	178	16,755
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,041,997 /i/</b>	<b>34,756</b>	<b>3,075,729</b>	<b>325,452 /i/</b>	<b>12,882</b>	<b>4,963</b>	<b>288,696</b>

TABLE 3-22. **RECORDATION OF MINING CLAIMS, PUBLIC LAW 94-579  
FROM OCTOBER 21, 1976 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1998--concluded**

FOOTNOTES

/a/ Active means that the subject claim or site is in good standing under the recording, maintenance, and assessment work statutes. It does not refer to any potential activity upon the land contained within the claim or site.

/b/ Claims declared forfeit or abandoned and void under Public Laws 94-579, 102-381, and 103-66. On October 5, 1992, PL 102-381 imposed an annual rental fee of \$100 per claim or site in lieu of performance of assessment work. Certain "small miners" and mineral patent applicants were exempted and the fees waived. The \$100 fee was continued through fiscal year 1998 by PL 103-66. Failure to pay, qualify as a "small miner," or qualify for a waiver results in statutory abandonment and forfeiture of the affected claim or site (43 CFR 3833.1-6). Claims forfeited in one year may be closed out in the following year.

/c/ Claims held under First Half of the Mineral Entry Final Certificate (FHFC) for a mineral patent application are exempt from the requirements to perform assessment work or to pay the annual \$100 fee. See 43 CFR 3851.5.

/d/ Includes all States bordering on, or located east of, the Mississippi River.

/e/ Includes North Dakota and South Dakota.

/f/ Includes Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.

/g/ Includes Washington.

/h/ Includes Nebraska.

/i/ Last year's totals corrected.

Sources: BLM's automated mining claim recordation systems for the lower 48 States and Alaska, and BLM State Office records and working files.